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NATIONAL SECTION SERVICE MEN VISIT CHARLEROI PLANTS

Were Here In Interest Of Speed-Up Program Of Emergency Fleet

CANADIAN SOLDIER A SPEAKER

Joseph H. Fink of New York and Private Stackhouse, late of the 85th Canadian Regiment, C. E. F., were in Charleroi on Thursday in the interests of the U. S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet In order to speed up workmen in the production of materials necessary for the army and navy of the United States the Shipping Board has organized what is known as the Nattional Service Section, the purpose of which is the organization of a bureau of speakers, who visit the various plants in order to give desired and necessary information to the workmen employed in government work. These speakers work in pairs. a civilian and a soldier the soldier for the purpose of giving an account of his experiences "over there" and the civilian to impress upon the employes the necessity of speeding up on producuon, that the military forces of the United States may not need for anything in the way of supplies.

It was for this purpose Messrs. Fink and Stackhouse visited Charleroi on Thursday, speaking to over 500 employes at the Pittsburg Plate Glass company at 11:30 o'clock and to 150 men at the plant of the Universal Rolling Mill company at 12:30 o'clock. The former meeting was in charge of Mr. White, assistant superintendent of the works and the latter being under direction of James Warner, manager for the rolling mill plant.

Both meetings were of the most interesting character, the m en giving the closest attention to what the speakers had to say. Private Stackhouse, who lost a leg at Vimy Ridge gave a thrilling account of his two years' experience at the front, while Mr. Fink impressed upon his hearers the importance of working full time and speeding production to the limit. The material now being manufactured in Charleroi is of the utmost importance to the government and should be sent forward without delay said thes peaker, that these necessities may be always available when neered.

The speakers left Charleroi for Wilson at 3 o'clock, where they spoke to employes of the Monongahela Tube company at 4:30 o'clock.

The world has been at war for four years. We do not believe it will take four more to end it. When Uncle Sam gets his machine going in high gear. he will be able to run down the Hun flivver.

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DR HERRON LEAVES FOR FT. OGLETHORPE

Dr. T. B. Herron of Monessen, who has been appointed as a first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, left Tuesday evening for Camp Greenleaf, Ft. Oglethorpe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Herron. of Monessen and is the second member of the family to enlist. Mrs. Herron and children will remain with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Greenawald of Charleroi, while Dr Herron is absent.

WILL LEAVE AUGUST 8TH

25 Men From This District Go To South Carolina Camp

NEW REGISTRANTS SOMMONED

Twenty-four men from the Fifth District and from District No. 3 of East St. Louis, Ill., have been summoned to report at draft headquarters in Donora, at 7 p. m. Thursday August 8 to entrain for Camp Wadsworth Spartansburg. S C. Notices have been mailed the men to report at the time specified at which time they will be given the usual instructions and then leave on the train which arrives in Donora about 9 o'clock. Of the men summoned 11 are from the 1917 class. which exhausts the registrants of last year. the balance of the quota being made up from men who registered on the 5th of last June. The men summoned areas follows:

John Marsky. Marriana, Pa.
Donato Paradiro, Webster, Pa.
Harold Bert Wilson, Washington, R. F. D. No 2, Pa
George O. Roland. Donora. Pa
Joe Zoctesky, Charleroi, Pa
Thomas M. Gilland, Donora, Pa.
A. J O'Donnell. Donora. Pa
Albert Allen Bortmess, N Charleroi.
Wass Yaros, Charleroi.
Leo A. Moloney. Donora, Pa.
Mike Evans. Donora
David C. Cole, Donora.
Arnold Shafer, Lock 4.
James Parces. Charleroi.
Hugh Fraser, Donora.
Ellis Dolan. Speers, Pa., R. F. D. No. 1
Harold J. Haywood. R F. D., No. 2, Monongahela
Henry J. Schroer, Donora
John G. Wolfe. Charleroi.
Bernard J. Vasbinder, New Eagle.
John Manion. Lock 4
Domeico Pantoni, Donora
Charles W. Barton, New Eagle.
Transferred from Local Board No. East St. Louis, Ill:
Walter Clay Hunter, Elrama, Pa.

July Coal Shipments Show Large Increase

Coal and coke shipments through Lock No. 4, for themonth of July made a record for 1918 and one that will likely stand for some time. A total of 29,872,000 bushels of coal and coke were locked through on the way down stream during the month almost a million bushels per day, showing that the mines in the upper pools have been working nearer to capacity than for several months past. This increased production is also due to the bonus method now in vogue at several of the mines as well as a decermination on the part of the mines to give better service. The figures as furnished by Lockmaster James A. Sweeney are as follows:

Going Down—Lockings 570, steamers 384, boats and barges 1790, coal 26,924.000 bushels,coke 2,848,000 bushels. sand, 2,000 bushels, gravel 12,000 bushels, stone 1275 cubic yards, timber 8 ,000 cubic feet, lumber 54,000 feet board measure, passengers 16.

Going up—Lockings 563, steamers 295 boats and barges 1829, coal 13.-000 bushels, sand 50 000 bushels. gravel 71,000 bushels, lumber 95,000 feet board measure.

Rainfall 1.43 inches. Highest stage of water. 14.7 July 1st; lowest 10 9 July 16, general average 12.1. These figures show a good boating stage all through the month,which was one of the dryest of the season The shipments of sand and g ravel show a heavy falling off, due to the completion of a number of contracts in the upper pools.

The new Sam Barnum was put into commission during the month, being the latest addition to the towing fleet of the Diamond Coal & Coke company The Carnegie Steel company has placed the D. M. Wayman in the regular pool trade, towing coal and coke to thenew plant at Clairton. This company also added fourteen new steel barges to its fleet during the past month.

Many old barges and flats which had been left in the landings have been docked and repaired and are now in use in the local trade.

LOCAL BOY TELLS OF LIFE IN FRANCE

Arden E. Calvert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Calvert of Fallowfield avenue a former student of the Mercersburg Academy, now a private first class, Advance Medical Supply Detachment No. 1, Advance Station, S. O. S., A. E. F., A. P. O. 712, France writes to the Mercersburg Academy Alumn Quarterly, the following leyter:

My Dear Doctor Irvine:

"I can picture thecampus now with the green trees, the lilac bushes, the rose garden and the tall majestic trees towering above. proclaiming that here standsthebest of all of them. Never will I forget my days at school nor my friends in North Cottage, who tried to lead me into the straight path. You may rest assured that those teachings took root, for they are blooming now.

"I have been in this country over eight months. and have earned the right to wear a gold chevron on my left arm, or rather sleeve.

"The French people are wonderful and it seems to me they are very ancient in their costumes. The men are mostly in the employment of the government as soldiers. railroad men, postmen, and numerous other occupations, itseems that the French government controls everything in France—down to the smallest twig.

"Wooden shoes are much in evidence and are worn by men. women and children. The roads are wonderful, they are similar to our macadamized roads but seem to be much more durable. However, our heavy truck trains soon tear up the roadbed. These same roads saved France in the early part of the war, when transportation of

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GET CANNING SUPPLIES NOW

Housekeepers who have not laid in their canning supplies should do so at once. advises the United States Department of Agriculture. Reports from the States show that already some sections of the country are having difficulty in securing containers for home canning. The shortage of tin cans, glass jars and rubbers, coupled with delayed express shipments, make it imperative to place orders for supplies immediately if the needs of the next two months are to bemet. Women desiring information about canning equipment and the orderingof supplies should apply at once to their local home demonstration agent, the leader of boys' and girls' club work or the county agricultural agent.

SODA WATER DEALERS FIND HARD SLEDDING

Due to theshortage of sugar and carbonic acid gas soda water dealers in New Castle expect to be compelled to stop selling beverages of this character. The dealers asert they are not able to get sufficient sugar to make syrups and that the shortage of gas is acute. They say that even if able to get needed supplies the price of sodas will have to be advanced to 20 and 25 cents a glass under the additional tax that the government will impose.

Following the example long set by gallant British and French airmen, the German airmen gave Quentin Roosevelt a military burial. The question is, would they have done so if Hun hopes of treading down the world were as high and confident as formerly.

BELLEVERNON OFFICERS ARREST DRIVERS OF LOCAL TAXI COMPANY

License Fee Imposed By Borough, Had Not Been Paid By Company

POINTS OF LAW INVOLVED

Two chauffers of the Taxi Transportation company, a local corporation operating passengers cars between Charleroi and Belle Vernon, were arrested by the borough authorities in Belle Vernon Thursday morning because thecompany had not complied with a borough ordinance.

This ordinance, which was passed and approved by the borough authorities of Belle Vernon on the 8th day of May, 1918. imposed a tax or license fee on all outo busses, taxi cabs and other motor vehicles used within the borough for hire or pay, or from points outside the borough in the transportation of passengers. The fee required under the provisions of this ordinance are: For a four passenger car, $5 per year; for a 6 or 7 passenger car, $8 per year; from 7 to 20 passenger car, $25 per year, and for whatis known as truck busses, $50 per year. The ordinance further provided that these fees must be paid d uring the month of June, failure in which left the operator orcompany so offending liabieto a fine.

As the Taxi Transportation company. which operates three busses within the prescribed territory had not paid thelicense the authorities of Belle Vernon acted Thursday morning and arrested the drivers of two of the cars, which for theime being tied up the activities of the vehicles. Officers of the company being notified of what had taken place, went to Belle Vernon where they had the drivers released and gave bail for a hearing w hich was scheduled to take place Thursday evening but which was later postponed until this evening to be held before Burgess Boyd.

The Belle Vernon authorities claim the Taxi Company is operating Truck busses, which would place them in the class which would be required to pay $50 per year as a license fee, a fee which the officials declare is unreasonable, when compared with the fees imposed in smaller vehicles. Pending an adjustment of the differences the local taxis only ran as far as the Washington county end of the Belle Vernon bridge.

Officials of the Taxi company while not denying the right of the borough to impose a reasonabletax under the provisions of the borough are of the opinion that points of law are involved, which may have to be settled in court.

IN MIDST OF BIG FIGHT

Charleroi Boys With 110th In Center Of Activities On Marne

BRAVE ACT OF TWO BOYS

Charleroi boys have been taking part in some of the fiercest fighting that has ever been donein the present war in Europe. many of them being engaged in the present offensive on the western front, north of the Marne, where the Allied armies are slowly pushing back the Huns.

The Twenty-eighth Division composed exclusively of Pennsylvania troops and made up from the Pennsylvania National Guard. has been engaged on the sector near Soissons, at a town called Roncheres, where the boys of the old Tenth Pennsylvania have shown the stuff of which they are made.

Raymond G. Carroll in a story published in the Pittsburg Dispatch of this morning tells of the fighting of the 110th of which Company A of Monongahela is a part, and in which are many Charleroi boys. The story says that during a period of three days' waiting word came by way of a brave liason officer, Lieut. John E. Robinson of Uniontown, that the battalion of Major Thomas E.Anderson of Latrobe on the right flank was running short of ammunition. The commanding officer sent for Corporal Harold F. Wickerham of Washington and gave him a message to take to the rear. Part of the route was under heavy shell fire. Wickerham took with him Private David Marchand of Monongahela and started at 4:45 o'clock in the afternoon. Reaching the town where he was to deliver the message h e found that headquarters had been removed. In the dark night the two boys made their way to another large American unit. and waking up the comm.nding officer. got his telephone through to corps headquarters. He was told to come and give a written confirmation of his verbal statement. Wickerham and March-and got to their final destination at o'clock the next morning. having

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Coyle Theatre Tuesday
Billie Burke in a Paramount picture "LET'S GET A DIVORCE"
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TOO BAD

It is to be regretted that the epistolary godmother of soldiers must lay aside her pen and that the dollar-a-year rich men at Washington must be replaced by salaried officials. Both institutions appealed to the public for both reflected honor on our great country, and the patriotic multi-millionaire giving his labor to the government for a dollar a year was something peculiarly American and particularly fine. Unfortunately the army raincoat fraud, an effort to reap an immense harvest by foisting shoddy upon the backs of our soldiers, is understood to have shown that the dollar-a-year magnate at least in one instance has more masked greed than patriotism in view. And so the government is said to have decided that all the wealthy volunteer helpers must be gradually eliminated. It is too bad.

As for the epistolary godmother—blessed soul—she also must be eliminated because her saintly hood is being put on by she-wolves seeking craftily to pour literary poison into our soldiers' ears. So much may be gathered from the announcement of the War Department which, in forbidding all officers and men to correspond with strangers, explains: "Efforts are constantly being made by strangers to find soldiers with whom they may correspond, in most cases innocently enough, but the opportunity which might be offered to a wholesale propaganda by well organized groups of enemy sympathizers is obvious." Doubtless the genuine godmother will mourn her lost soldier correspondent more than he will regret her, for other means of comforting and entertaining him are abundant. What is gained by the order is that wolves in sheeps' clothing will find their opportunity to do harm further restricted.

SLOWING DOWN

Reports from the battlefront indicate a slowing down of the conflict, no doubt caused by exhaustion on the part of both armies. For over two weeks the allies and the Huns have been contending fiercely for every foot of land, with the allies slowly but surely pushing the Germans further away from the Marne, until at the present time the Boche has been compelled to give up almost all he had gained on previous offensives.

However, the war is far from an end. While theallies have succeeded in stopping the German offensive and throwing back the hordes of Huns, we have much to do before this war is brought to an end. We are going to need hundreds of thousands so vastly superior in numbers that there will be question as to the outcome. In connection with our allies we can furnish the man power as well as the munitions and while the present battle may not bring a decision, yet we can be placed in a position to drive home the "punch" next summer that will drive the Kaiser and his hordes out of Belgium and France, and far into the interior of his own country.

This is no time to talk peace. We could not make a satisfactory peace with the present German government. The present military leaders of Germany would simply utilize a cessation of hostilities at the present time to perfect even greater armies if possible and to rehabilitate the country to go forward with another great war. The time to finish the job is right now. Germany wanted war, and her leaders ought to be given their fill. There should be no let up, and with America to furnish the additional men needed we can put an end to German militarism within another year. In the meantime we should keep things at a high speed, for we cannot afford to let up in any of the activities of war. We have not yet reached the goal we are striving for, and then we want the boys at the front to know we are backing them to the limit.

The Germans arestill using the Red Cross insignia to fool the troops of the allied armies. The American troops report several cases where the Huns with the brassard of the Red Cross on their arms were among the fighting units of the German army.

FOUR YEARS.

These may be the four years of the greatest war the world has ever seen. The first day of August is the date for Germany's declaration of war, which is regarded as the real beginning of hostilities. Austria prior to that time having declared almost impossible conditions from Servia. During these four years the Germans have been able to overrun and retain the greater portion of Belgium and of the north of France, the country they seized portion of France. Here where the great battles are being fought, and here it is generally conceded the decisive battles of the war will be fought.

These four years of warfare have brought about great changes in the world and countries which at that time were thought to be out of the zone of hostilities, have been drawn into the whirlwind of destruction and are lined up against Germany. The United States is now solidly behind the allied nations in this great struggle and will undoubtedly furnish the power which will eventually overturn the German war machine and for generations to come make it impotent of further destruction. Leaders among the nations of the allied cause believe a decision will come next year, this feeling of optimism prevailing because of the immense man power and wealth of this nation. And the United States will not fail.

Mrs. Pankhurst, backed by Lloyd-George, is in this country to urge the speeding up of production in munition plants. The great war has done much for Emmeline, providing a patriotic outlet for her startling surplus of energy.

Let's see, wasn't it the Kaiser who said America had better be careful after the war was over, lest Germany should take us in hand. Well, we are not waiting until after the war to show Bill how lightly we regard his threat.

Tarift and war stamps have been selling like hot cakes. Four-fifths of the total, $1,600,000,000 worth, have already been sold or pledged, and it is expected that the remainder will be marketed by the end of the year.

If it is true, as stated, that the Kaiser was at the front "when the tide turned" wemay take it for granted that His All-Highest Majesty learned how to beat it without loss of time.

The Kaiser sees fearful days ahead for the German empire. Well it may not be as bad for the empire as it will be for Bill and his bunch of savages.

Our dashing young Americans may have found it easier to take those German-held French towns than to pronounce their names.

The Germans have been compelled to postpone the "decisive blow" for reasons beyond their control. They were chiefly American.

The Germans shock troops are no doubt being shocked at the manner in which they are being received by the Americans.

"Lightless nights" are nothing of the sort, the term describing merely the reduction of unnecessary illumination.

The Germans have evidently come to the point where they deem itadvisable to "dig in."

Those Americans on the firing line in France are evdently self-starters.

FALLOWFIELD COAL TRACT CHANGES HANDS

W. A. Stroud of Coal Centre has just conveyed to the H. C. Frick Coke company a valuable tract of the Pittsburg or river vein of coal in Fallowfield township. It contains 116.239 acres and the consideration is $67,943.40. This is about $500 per acre.

Walter A. Carney, who is stationed at Camp Mills, Long Island left Wednesday for camp after spending a five day furlough with his wife and mother. He was accompanied as far as Pittsburg by a party of relatives and friends. He enlisted in the Aviation department last February.

Misses Winifred Guiler, Winifred Oates and Gertrude Mangan, are spending a two weeks vacation at Atlantic City, New York and Philadelphia.

Miss Margaret McDermott of Crest avenue has gone to Munhall to spend the week-end with friends.

The Hun is capable of being anything

SOLDIERS LIKED WAR BREAD

Entire Fighting Men Found Their Health Improved Through Use of Unbolted Wheat Meal.

A little more than a century ago, when Britain had been fighting for years against Napoleon, food became very scarce. Following is from a book on bread making written by Sylvester Graham, in 1837:

"In order to conserve wheat as much as possible, the British government ordered that the army should be supplied with bread made from unbolted wheat meal, i. e., simply the wheat ground without having the bran or middlings removed. The soldiers were at first displeased with the bread and refused to eat it, even casting it from them in great rage, but after two or three weeks they began to be much pleased with it and preferred it to the fine-flour bread.

"The result of this experiment was that not only was the wheat made to go further, but the health of the soldiers improved so much and so manifestly in the course of a few months that it became a matter of common remark among themselves and of observation and surprise among the officers and physicians of the army. They expressed themselves with confidence and zeal on the subject. The public declared that the soldiers were never so healthy and robust. The public papers were for months filled with praise of whole-wheat bread, and it was regularly introduced into families.

"Still, after this experiment with such happy results and so general and full a testimony had been given in favor of the coarse-wheat bread, when large supplies of superfine flour came in from America, and the crops from home became again abundant and the act of parliament regarding the food of the army became extinct, most of the people by degrees returned to their old habits of eating fine bread."

SURGEONS DO GREAT WORK

Rehabilitation of Wounded Soldiers Seems Little Short of Miraculous to a Civilian.

Foster Debevoise of South Orleans, N. J., on a recent tour through France and England, visited the armies at the front, and speaks with enthusiasm of their indomitable spirit and unfailing hopefulness.

In commenting he speaks on the work done for wounded soldiers:

"The men in English cities, of whom I saw hundreds, without legs or arms, or with reconstructed faces, and those in hospitals in process of being mended, all had the same words: 'If only I could go back again!' And this brings me to another wonderful thing, and that is the way the hospitals are performing miracles. When finally, sometimes after months and months of treatment, the reconstructing process is finished, the men are taught trades and placed in positions so that they are enabled to take up their lives again with a large degree of happiness. Straps operate as muscles on artificial legs and arms; and I have seen such men swing a hammer, play golf, knit, or work at lathes. It is almost incredible what is being done. Hats off to the doctors, I say!"

The United States government will apply the same methods of reconstruction to those of our boys that are disabled or crippled.—Marion Couthouy Smith.

Saccharin Not Injurious.

Some quite unfounded statements have been made to the effect that saccharin disturbs the digestion, injures the kidneys, or is even responsible for gastric carcinoma. There is no evidence that saccharin or its allies has any effect whatever on the economy even when it is used in quantities larger than are required to sweeten foods and beverages to suit ordinary tastes. And this, in spite of the fact that saccharin has been in use for more than a quarter of a century.

The mere fact that it is an artificial substance remotely derived from coal-tar does not necessarily render it poisonous, as some seem to suspect. At the same time it is, of course, valueless as a food in the sense in which sugar is a food, and even as a flavor it to most tastes is inferior to the natural substance.—British Medical Journal.

Rubber in Japan.

The rubber manufacturing industry in Japan has developed greatly within the past year in the scope and variety of its products. In the export trade, too, its importance is increasing. The growth of the industry may be seen from the steady increase in the import of crude rubber. The official trade returns state that the import in 1917 totaled 9,689,682 yen over the figure for 1915. Formerly most of the automobile tires used in Japan were imported into that country, but now the greater part of Japan's needs are supplied by domestic manufacturers. The export of automobile tires has also begun with the development of rubber plants in Japan.

Girls Herding Sheep.

Herding sheep—the loneliest job in the world—is the latest industry to attract women. Wyoming ranchers have given so many men to the war that sheepherders are very scarce. Hence Misses Lulu Munson, Belle Pattison and Grace Keenan, Campbell county lassies, have become shepherdesses at a wage of $50 a month and "found." They have been employed by B. J. Reno, and each girl acts as guardian to 2,500 "woollies." These girls are said to be the first feminine sheepherders in the United States.

MEALS AT NOMINAL PRICE

Emergency Kitchens in Dutch Capital Have Been Found to Be of Great Value.

Emergency kitchens were not known in Holland before the war, but are now established in all the larger cities for the purpose of supplying the poor, as well as persons and families of small means, with one warm and wholesome meal a day at a nominal price. In The Hague are three such kitchens, which are well patronized and have accomplished a great amount of good.

One was established by the municipal government and is mainly intended for the use of the really poor of the city. It furnishes to all callers one meal daily for the price of four cents.

The menu for one week follows: Monday, oatmeal, milk, butter, and sugar; Tuesday, potatoes, carrots, onions, and beef; Wednesday, potatoes, red cabbage, and beef; Thursday, pea soup, with pork; Friday, potatoes sauer-kraut, and edible fats; Saturday, potatoes, beets, and edible fats. No meals are served on Sundays.

Another kitchen was established by "The Dutch Society of Housewives," and is intended for the use of small-salaried persons. Dinners are served in the restaurant for 12 cents, and for 10 cents if sent for. The dinners consist of meat or soup, vegetables, and potatoes.

The third kitchen was also started by private initiative and is patronized by the better salaried persons, such as teachers, clerks, officers of the army, etc., who here get a good square meal for 30 cents.

FOUND MAN TO COOK CORN

Lucky Find Solved Big Problem for One of Hoover's Helpers in Hard Times in Belgium.

A cargo of corn sent to the commission for the relief of Belgium early in 1916 was a problem to dispose of until Robinson Smith, one of Hoover's helpers, ran into luck on a dusty Belgian road one day.

None of the Belgians had ever used American corn. The cargo was useless unless some one could be found who knew how to cook it. Smith was thinking over the problem as he drove along in his car, he related the other day. He espied a ragged-looking negro sitting by the roadside. He drew up his car.

"Are you an American citizen?" he asked the bundle of rags.

"I doan know, boss," the bundle answered. "I comes from Nohfolk. All I knows is I ain't got no business heah, sah."

"But you can cook, can't you?" Smith asked with rising hope.

"Bes' thing I do, sah."

Without a pass for him, Smith was perplexed as to how he could get the find back to Brussels. He took a chance and put the negro in the rear of the machine under a blanket and drove him off to the C. R. B. kitchens.

They put him in a chef's uniform and brought in the corn. The way the Belgians ate corn pone, corn bread and corn cakes made that cargo go so quickly the C. R. B. soon had no problem on its hands.

"As Good as Yours."

Recently there arrived at one of our Atlantic ports an American who recently managed to get out of Russia. He tells an amusing story illustrative of the chaos and the lack of respect for government which recently have come into existence in Russia.

The Kerensky government, it seems, at one time put out an issue of forty-ruble notes. They were about the size of a large postage stamp, and quite artistic in design. Almost immediately they were copied by a band of counterfeiters, who in an ecstasy of frank contempt for the government, printed across the face of their notes:

"Ours are just as good as yours."

As an example of Slavic humor, it must be admitted that this has its merits. And as things are turning out, the words of the counterfeiters were apparently as true as they were amusing.

Migration of Mosquitoes.

Some surprising facts regarding the migration of mosquitoes and other insects have been discovered by Prof. S. C. Bull, who spent a month at Rebecca Shoal lighthouse last summer. This lighthouse stands out in the ocean 12 nautical miles from the nearest land, which is Key West, Tortugas, while the nearest region on which any considerable number of mosquitoes can breed is Marquesas Atoll, 24 miles distant to the eastward. Breezes from the north and east brought mosquitoes to the lighthouse and in one case a strong southern wind brought them from Cuba, 95 miles away. Indeed, in some instances there was evidence that they were brought by favorable winds from even more distant points; perhaps from Tampa bay, 180 miles distant! Houseflies and various other insects were also captured at the lighthouse.—Scientific American.

In His Spare Moments.

There was a hideous noise issuing from the waiting room of the lonely country station, and the stranded passenger feared foul play.

"Who's that howling in there?" he asked the small boy who played porter.

"That's the station master," said the lad. "'E's got so little to do now—there ain't many trains stop 'ere—so 'e's settin' the timetable to music for the porters to learn when they come back from the war."—London Tit-Bits.

DEFINITION OF GOOD MANNERS

No Writer Has Made a Clearer Statement of Them Than Thomas Nelson Page.

Manners, familiarly known as the plural of manner, signify, in general, good behavior and polite deportment. In conforming to the usages of etiquette thus recognized, one need not copy the example of Lord Chesterfield, whose ambition was to be regarded as the worthiest man in England, as a mirror of politeness in the eighteenth century. Nor would any true American care to be aping Beau Brummell, later in the same century, famous as a leader of fashionable society in London, where he was born, but died, at the age of sixty-two, as an imbecile in confinement at a French asylum. One is apt to think of the Scottish physician, John Brown, for his happy way of utilizing spare hours in association with his collie "Rab" and friends. But the good doctor's canine fellowship still left room in his heart to utter this terrible sentiment: "Etiquette, with all its bitterness and niceties, is founded upon a central idea of right and wrong." One more quotation shall suffice, and it is this from the pen of Thomas Nelson Page: "Whatsoever its form may be, and there are many forms in which good breeding may present itself, so many indeed as are the incidents of social intercourse, whatever tends to put at ease the person one meets is good manners, and whatever tends to the opposite is rudeness."

JUST A MITE TOO STRENUOUS

Marie Corelli's Idea of Love Draws Forth Some Criticism From American Periodical.

If I loved a man I should love him so completely that I should never think of anything in which he had not the first and greatest share. I should see his kind looks in every ray of sunshine—I should hear his loving voice in every note of music—if I were to read a book aloud, I should wonder which sentence in it would please him most—if I plucked a flower I should ask myself if he would like me to wear it—I should live through him and for him—he would be my very eyes and heart and soul.—Marie Corelli.

We want to thank you, Marie, for letting us know in time, but to be real candid we don't want to be loved your way: mighty few men do. It all reads beautifully, but most men don't like the same kind of books their wives do. Most men hate to be sung to; and as for being the very eyes and heart and soul of any woman—not all the time. Even the best of us like to be left alone much of the time. When we marry we don't want to be strapped down to a 90-horsepower love car. In a life endurance test two people need to know each other not too well. It takes a lot of water to keep Niagara going. A marriage such as you indicate, Marie, would run out of power in two or three weeks.—Life.

Too Much Athleticism.

"As guardians of the public health, it is time for us to make a stand against this athletic craze," writes a medical correspondent. "The swinging of ponderous clubs and dumbbells, rowing heavy machines, pulling up weights, walking 15 or 20 miles a day chasing a golf ball, etc., are needless and injurious to anyone. As physicians, we prescribe moderate exercise for lymphatic and obese patients of torpid temperament, and a few indicated movements to straighten up a deflected spine or round shoulders, etc., but we are careful to guard against fatigue. Such exercise is a very different thing from the severe and senseless efforts required by teachers in gymnastics and exercise fiends.

"If people would live long and healthy," says the correspondent, "they should take their exercise under the advice of a common-sense physician. The wrenching of muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, nerves and bloodvessels," he proceeds, "is giving us all kinds of puzzling conditions, traumatic neuroses, dislocated viscera etc., traceable to overexercise, if we only knew where to look for it."

Had Two Good Reasons.

Upton Sinclair said the other day in New York:

"Everybody is jumping up and saying that poverty, bitter and grinding poverty, has nothing to do with making girls go wrong. Well, for my part, I think that such assertions are too charitable toward modern social conditions, too charitable toward modern employers.

"Such charity reminds me of the young lady who asked:

"'Did pretty Tottie Footlites marry the septuagenarian Gobsa Golde for love or money?'

"'For both,' the young lady answered charitably, and she added, 'Lottie loves money, you know.'"

Peculiar Japanese Frog.

The Japanese frog is a creature measuring between fifteen and twenty-five inches. The skin of its back is pale blue and by night looks dark green or olive brown. The frog remains motionless during the day, with eyes sheltered from the light and with belly up, clinging to its support by adhesive cushions and by its belly, which is provided with a sticky covering, and it is hardly distinguishable from the objects that surround it. At night fall it begins its hunt for the mammoth crickets on which it feeds, making leaps covering seven feet of ground.—Harper's Weekly.

DOCTOR URGED AN OPERATION

Instead I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Was Cured.

Baltimore, Md.—"Nearly four years I suffered from organic troubles, nervousness and headaches and every month would have to stay in bed most of the time. Treatments would relieve me for a time but my doctor was always urging me to have an operation. My sister asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound before consenting to an operation. I took five bottles of it and it has completely cured me and my work is a pleasure. I tell all my friends who have any trouble of this kind what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me."—NELLIE B. BRITTINGHAM, 609 Calverton Rd., Baltimore, Md.

It is only natural for any woman to dread the thought of an operation. So many women have been restored to health by this famous remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, after an operation has been advised that it will pay any woman who suffers from such ailments to consider trying it before submitting to such a trying ordeal.

NOTICE TO MOTHERS

You can quickly heal baby's sore, chafed skin with

Sykes Comfort Powder

which contains antiseptic, healing ingredients not found in any other nursery powder. 25c at the Vinot and other drug stores. The Comfort Powder Co., Boston, Mass.

Over 80 Years, But Is Rugged

Mrs. Robbins Looks and Talkes Like Woman 20 Years Younger.

Mrs. Isaac Robbins, of River St., Carbondale, Pa., woman over 80 years old, said recently:

"I suffered dreadfully with rheumatism. Last winter I had a very severe case of grip which simply aggravated my rheumatism. My hands and arms were swollen terribly and they were, oh! so sore. I never thought I would be any better.

"I read about the good that Tanlac had been doing for others and I got a bottle.

"Tanlac has removed every bit of pain and I do not have a bit of rheumatism now. My appetite is good and since the pain stopped I sleep like a child. The swelling has gone too. My arms are now like they should be and I feel as young as ever I did.

"I recommend Tanlac because it did me so much good that, perhaps, it will help others like it did me. I am willing to talk with any poor sufferer that cares to know more about it before trying it. I think it is wonderful."

The famous Tanlac is now sold here by Piper's Pharmacy.

Stop! Look! Listen!

Lots at Lock Four. Cash or payments. Five rooms and bath, McKean avenue. Eight room hous Lookout avenue. Five rooms. Crest avenue. One lot McKean avenue and other good bargains. See

A. L. DUBINSKY
412 Fallowfield avenue Charleroi, Pa.

THAT ANNOYING, PERSISTENT COUGH

may lead to chronic lung trouble, or mean that the chronic stage already is reached. In either case try

ECKMAN'S ALTERATIVE

This tonic and tissue-repairer supplies the acknowledged benefits of Calcium treatment without disturbing the stomach. Contains no Alcohol, Narcotic or Habit-Forming Drug.
$2 size, now $1.50. $1 size, now 80c.
Price includes war tax. All druggists. Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia

FOR SALE

Block of 5 lots McKean avenue, $11,000.

Modern brick dwelling McKean, $11,000.

Six room dwelling McKean avenue near Eighth street, $4,200.

Lot on Crest avenue near Seventh street 50x250, $2,500.

Lot corner Eleventh and Oakland, $350.

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A FEW SPECIALS

For early August selling. It will pay you to read over these special items.

Mens Palm Beach Suits in all the popular shades now on sale	**$9.75**
35 inch silks suitable for Sport Suits or Skirts $2 50 value	$1.38
32 inch imported Zepher Ginghams	85c yd.
Japanese Crepe Suiting in stripes	50c yd.
27 inch Plaid Poplins Special Price	35c yd.
36 inch Silk Suiting, stripes and figures	75c yd.
Special lot striped Poplins	25c yd.
One lot Parasols	20 per cent off
Just received a new assortment of Brassieres	50c to $1.00
Just arrived another lot Regulation Wool Army Blankets	$12.00
Soldiers Pillows, Khaki Handkerchiefs, Service Flags	

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CHARLEROI'S BUSY STORE

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Constipation is the arch-enemy of health. Conquer this enemy and you rout a whole army of physical foes, including indigestion, biliousness, sick headache, sleeplessness and nervous dyspepsia. Beecham's Pills have been a world-favorite laxative for over sixty years. They go straight to the cause of many ills and remove it. They act promptly, pleasantly and surely. Contain no habit-forming drug. These time-tested pills strengthen the stomach, stimulate the liver an

Relieve

Constipation

Directions of Special Value to Women are with Every Box.
Sold by druggists throughout the world. In boxes, 10c., 25c.

Advertise in the Classified Column

With our country at war and prices going up we must all economize in every way possible and buy where we can get the best merchandise at the very lowest possible prices.

We can assure our customers that we are doing everything possible to keep our regular stock of merchandise at the very lowest prices.

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Board Drop and Steam Hammermen; Machinists, Lathe Hands, Die-sinkers, Trimmer Die-Makers and Toolmakers. Write at once. S. & S., 328 4th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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due and payable on or before
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NEW EVIDENCE CLINCHES FAST THE OLD CLAIM

Nerv - Worth Wonderfully Overcomes Intestinal Ills Due to Vegetable Eating

Proprietor White of White's Apothecary Hall, McKeesport, Pa., has found by careful personal test that Nerv-Worth is thebest medicine he has ever taken for colic, cramps, dysentary and the other summer complaints which follow the eating of fresh vegetables. He is urging friendsand customers to get relief through Nerv-Worth and the result is record breaking sales of the tonic in McKeesport. This indicates no new Nerv-Worth claim. Many signed statements to thesame effect areamong Nerv-Worth endorsements. After giving his own statement to that effect Druggist White added:

"Nerv-Worth has no equal as a hot weather tonic. It steadies and strengthens the nerves, whets the appetite, digests and assimilates the food, prevents fermentation, restores restful sleep, regulates the bowels, rouses the liver, banishes sick and nervous headaches and other aches and pains, builds up run-down systems.

"White's Apothecary Hall, McKeesport, Pa.

Hennings Drug Store and Piper's Pharmacy sell Nerv-Worth in Charleroi. Your dollar back if Nerv-Worth does not benefit.

The Germans call their retirement a well prepared retreat, which is another way of saying they got jolly well licked.

BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c

Dr. John Porter

will attend to Dr. Hunters eye, ear, nose and throat practice in the Peoples Bank Building, McKeesport, daily (Sunday excepted) from 1 to 5 P. M.

FOR SALE

5 room house & 3 lots, $2,500.

6 room house, $1,900.

5 room house & 3 lots, Lock No. 4, $1,600.

6 room house & bath, hot water heat, $4,400.

One farm 26 acres and all crops, $3,200.

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LOCAL BOY TELLS OF LIFE IN FRANCE

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troops was very urgent. Trees line both sides of the roads, and it certainly is pretty, for I have seen three seasons in France and watched the trees change their clothing in obedience to Mother Nature.

"Telling of billeting, paintings and such gives the location of a place and I can not tell of some I have seen at the present time. The prettiest things in France are the old chateaus with their high walls and beautiful gardens. Not more than ten minutes' walk from this place is a road which Coesar built, a church which Napoleon's soldiers pillaged, also a wonderful swimming hole, three very interesting things to know about.

I remain very sincerely
Arden E. Calvert

SAYS CHEMIST IS PUBLIC BENEFACTOR

"Being a doctor and suffering for many years with s tomach trouble I feel I cannot do justice to so great a public benefactor in writing. Mayr's Wonderful Remedy is everything you have claimed for it. I can now eat and relish victuals I have not dared to eat in many years. Am feeling like newly born." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded.

Pipers Pharmacy, Carroll's Pharmacy and druggists everywhere.

IN MIDST OF BIG FIGHT

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tramed all night tofind that the ammunition had been sent at the moment they made the telephone connection. Needless to say Major Anderson and his command were grateful and the two boys have been recommended for an award, as the ammunition came in the nick of time.

Both Wickerham and Marchand have many friends in Charleroi who will be glad to learn of the conduct of these boys who made such a perilous journey in the face of many dangers and got their message through, which meant so much to the boys on the firing line.

ENTRAINMENT ORDERS FOR COLORED DRAFTEES

The state draft headquarters at Harrisburg on Thursday issued entrainment orders for colored draftees of Washington county, who are to report at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich. Men from the fourth and fifth district will entrain August 3rd and those from the first and third district on the 5th. No colored men were called from thesecond district.

JUDSON RESIGNS FROM DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Attorney John C. Judson, chairman of the Democratic county committee, prior to his departure on Wednesday for federal service, tendered his resignation of that positon. Prior to leaving however, he named the members of the county executive committee, Dr. J. W. Manon being chosen from Charleroi

Sour stomach, clogged up bowels, headaches, foul breath, are evils of constipation. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea purifies the stomach and relieves constipation—a medicine the whole family s hould take. 35c. Henning's Drug Store.

DOCTOR PRESCRIBES VINOL

For This Weak Nervous Mother, Because He Knows the Formula

Jacksonville, Ill.—"I have a twenty-months old baby and keep house for my littlefamily, but gotinto a weak, nervous, run-down condition, tired all the time and no ambition. My doctor told me to try Vinol and in a week I felt like a new person. I am now strong again, look after my baby, and do all my housework."—Mrs. G. H Lamson

The reason we recommend Vinol, is because it is a constitutional remedy, containing beef and cod liver peptones, iron and manganese peptonates and glycerophosphates, the most successful tonics known

Pipers Drug Store and druggists everywhere.

ENLISTS IN MARINES; THEN GETS MARRIED

'Squire R. L. Culbertson, of North Charleroi, officiated at a wedding Tuesday evening, July 29, at which time he united the lives of Ted Anderson of Lock Four, and Miss Martha Nozzer, of 707 Third street, Charleroi.

Back of the ceremony is a little romance in which Anderson acted with promptness and despatch. After winning his bride through a promise to try and enlist in the Marines, he accompanied his finance to Pittsburg Tuesday, along with 'Squire Culbertson, where he was enlisted, examined, passed, accepted and assigned to the station at Paris Island, S. C. Following this preliminary and accompanied by the 'Squire, the party went to the marriage license office where the necessary papers were secured and upon their arrival home Tuesday evening, the marriage ceremony was performed by the local justice. This morning the young man left on an early car for Pittsburg, from where he left with a contingent for the southern training camp, a full fledged member of the "Devil Dogs." Anderson said that if he could keep up the speed with which he started he ought to be in Berlin within two weeks.

He explained to the recruiting officer at Pittsburg that it was a neck-and-neck race between him and a rival for thehand of the bride until after listening to addresses of the recent recruiting mission held in Charleroi last week he pledged himself to join, which put him in the lead and the winner of the race.

Grace: You can't cover blackheads, pimples, red spots on the face with powder, they're bound to be seen. Why worry and spoil your temper? Take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea—'twill banish them thru the blood—the only sure way. 35c. Tea or Tablets. Hennings Drug Store

Classified

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for gentlemen or light housekeeping. Apply 134 McKean avenue. 50-a2p

FOR SALE—Bicycle, practically new. Inquire 227 Mail office. 46-tfp

FOR SALE—Five passenger car, good condition $125, also 7 room house and good stable on an acre lot. Call 903 Ring 11, Donora, Bell phone 50-t2-p

WANTED—Eight men between the age of 25 and 45 with some selling ability for work in Monongahela valley and be home any night. Godd salary ad comimsion for right party. Apply to M. Borst 400 Fifth street, Charleroi, Pa. 41-tf

WANTED—Woman 30 to 45 years of age as housekeeper and companion family of six, no washing. Husband in army. Write No 221 this office stating wages expected. 37tf

WANTED—Lady for outside work. Liberal wages to right party. Apply at 536 Fallowfield avenue. 46-tf

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Apply 226 Mail office. 48-t3p

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply at 521 McKean avenue. 48-t3

WANTED—Woman or girl to do washing and cleaning by the day. Two in family. Apply 229 Mail office. 50a3

LOST—Gold wrist watch, with black ribbon bracelet, Wednesday afternoon. In business section of Charleroi. Reward if returned to 225 Mail office. 49-tfp

Private Lawrence J Bailey, now stationed at Sutton, W. Va., having a 7-day furlough, is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F G. Bailey, 710 Lookout avenue.

BEST CREAMERY BUTTER	**Lard**
48c lb.	**2 lb. for 59c**

Armours Regular Hams	32c
Special Lenox Soap, 11 cakes	50c
Fresh Baked Soda Crackers per lb	16c
Hand picked Navy Beans per lb	15c
Roman Beans 3 pounds for	50c
Lima Beans 3 pounds for	50c
Best Country Eggs per dozen	47c
20c can cocoa, per can	15c
Good Luck Margarine per lb	34c
Good Luck Margarine 5 pounds	$1.70
20c can Apple Butter	25c
Carnation Milk	11c
20c Coffee 1 pound	15c
1 pound can Crisco	30c
Salad Oil, large bottle	38c
Split Peas 2 lbs for	25c
Pure tomato s auce per can	15c
Campbells Tomato Soup per can	10c
Lemon pie filling	10c
Fly paper 2 double sheets	5c
Best Mixed Spices 1 pound	25c
10c roll toilet paper 4 for	25c
Bakers Cocoanut can	9c
Extra good seeded raisins per can	10c
Campbells Cigarets 2 for	25c
Pillsbury's Bran	15c
15c bottle Chili Sauce	10c
15c glass jelly	12c
10c glass mustard	5c
Macaroni 1 pound	15c

Five Brothers
Honest Scrap
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9 cents a package

Postum Cereal per can	22c
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10c package Franch Chicory 3 for	25c
12c can peaches	10c
35c jar sour pickels	20c
Jello	10c
Animal Crackers 1 pkg	5c
Karo Syrup 2 cans for	25c
White Syrup	11c
Jar rings 1 dozen	8c
Jar Caps 1 dozen	35c
Sealing Wax 1 package	4c
Beeswax 3 for	10c
Grape Fruit Marmalade per jar	10c
45c can prunes	35c
Rest Full Cream Cheese	30c
35c can pineapple	30c
30c can pineapple	25c

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DELIVER FREE OF CHARGE IN TOWN & VICINITY
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DEEM PICTURE OUT OF PLACE

British Authorities Request Removal of Kaiser's Portrait From Tonga King's Palace.

Germany's interesting relations with the little kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific are recalled by recent incidents there. A few years back a life-size portrait of the kaiser mounted within a massive gilt frame was presented by the German government to King George Tubou II, the present ruler of the archipelago. Forthwith this picture adorned the walls of the wooden palace at Nukualofa, the capital of the kingdom. Germans—who, shortly before the war, were rather conspicuous in Tonga—were wont to admire the painting when they came to pay their respects to King George. Moreover, close at hand were busts of Emperor Frederick of Germany and Prince von Bismarck. So delightfully informal in many ways is the Tongan court that the busts did excellent service as hat racks on festive occasions. But not so with the present from the "All Highest." But alack for the big picture of the kaiser in little Tonga! After the war had been in progress for some time the fact of its existence and whereabouts came within the purview of the British government and that government requested the Tongan government to remove it from the palace. The pith of this request was that Tonga is a British protectorate. But notwithstanding Tonga is a British protectorate it is the last independent kingdom in the Pacific and it prides itself on having not only a monarch but a cabinet and a parliament.—New York World

HISTORY WROUGHT IN STONE

Marvels of French Architecture Which the Uncivilized Hordes of Germany Would Destroy.

In architecture France is supreme. It well may be said that without France there would have been no Gothic architecture. The cathedrals of France are absolutely unrivaled, says Cass Gilbert in the World's Work. One has only to mention the names of Notre Dame de Paris, Bourges, Reims, Chartres, Rouen, Amiens, Beauvais and Coutances to bring up memories of miracles of creative design which no words can fittingly characterize or describe.

Wonders of constructive ingenuity as they are, they have a yet more supreme significance as evidence of the refinement and taste of a people instinct with emotion and ennobled by idealism in its most exalted phase. These great buildings give expression to the spiritual aspirations of a great people.

They are constructions of superb scale and fascinating beauty, embellished by tracery and arabesque, carving and inlay, stained glass, tapestry, bronze and iron of marvelous craftsmanship and exquisite design. They are the product of a thousand years of faultless taste, the contribution of innumerable thousands of craftsmen devoted to the glory of God and the love of France. And it is this glorious nation that the hordes of Germany would destroy.

Within Sound of the Guns.

A new sound arose in the darkness, a sound which held for me a thrill as vital and incomparably more alluring than the hint of distant battle. It rose slowly, a rich, mellow undulation, which stirred every fiber, and then quavered, descended and broke off. We stood motionless, listening with all our ears, and again it came, unmistakably, from the depths of the misty woods. My companion smiled at me in triumph. His first surprise had come off promptly, even ahead of time, for it was only now growing dusk. We could see in imagination the drooped tail, the hollow-cheeked muzzle raised skyward—a wolf uttering that cry which of all sounds is most symbolic of the northern wilderness; un hurlement plaintif et lugubre. I could not believe my ears, that here in the heart of France, within sound of the guns at the front, I had heard the voice of a wild wolf.—William Beebe in Atlantic.

Use Found for Opera Hats.

From a French inventor comes an advertising sign in which an opera hat is its housing. The sides of the hat are cut so that letters are removed that spell out the words of the sign. These letter holes are covered over with a thin light fabric of the same color as the hat. When unlighted the letters remain invisible, but with one or more battery lamps placed inside and lighted, the hat becomes a conspicuous advertisement. The batteries may be carried in the pocket and wired under the coat to the neck and up to the hat over the hair on the back of the head. The current can be flashed on and off with a switch in the coat pocket. This is a real novelty in advertising signs and one which would be sure to attract attention.—Popular Science Monthly.

Cost of Enrolling a Soldier.

Figures compiled from the records of the first draft show that it cost the government almost exactly $5 for each man drafted, according to Popular Science Monthly. All but 7 cents of this amount represents the expense of the draft boards. In comparison with this, it is interesting to learn that the volunteer system of recruiting cost $24.48 per man in 1914, $19.14 in 1915 and $28.95 between July, 1916, and April, 1917. These latter figures, however, included the recruit's traveling expenses and the cost of his subsistence prior to acceptance.

First Hague Conference.

The first international peace conference, which seemed the beginning of a new era of civilization, was opened at The Hague 19 years ago, its object being to eliminate war and substitute arbitration among the nations of the world when disputes arose. The representatives of 44 nations assembled in the Dutch capital at the invitation of Czar Nicholas II of Russia, framed a plan for a permanent tribunal of arbitration. Nine important cases arising from disputes between nations were passed upon by the court, among them the Casablanca difficulty between France and Germany, the Savarkar case between Great Britain and France, and the North Atlantic fisheries dispute between the United States and Great Britain.

Marconi's Early Troubles.

Signor Marconi's every early attempt to discover the secret of wireless telegraphy was discouraged or thwarted. His brain had been fired by a chance remark that mankind would some day be telegraphing without wires, and he tried to establish communications between the rooms in his house, then between poles in the garden. His father stamped and stormed. Once he threatened to throw young Guglielmo's paraphernalia out of the window, and on one occasion he actually destroyed a number of contrivances, declaring that he had no wish to have his house blown up.

But, fortunately for science, Marconi pursued his way, refusing to be cast down, and even borrowing money from servants to pay for his experiments.

Youth the Age for Poetry.

Swinburne, in the days of "Songs Before Sunrise," was natural and glorious, but Swinburne at sixty-five was simply a somewhat theatrical old man absurdly disguised as a young brigand. Poets should be killed at twenty-six. Poetry would be vastly better if they were. All the genuine poetry of the world has been written by youngsters, and is full of their youth. The old fellows write the poetry that is hollow and bogus—the machine-made stuff, the prose in rhyme, the feeble and tortured balderdash, the epics. They are the ghosts of poets that have died.—Exchange.

Outdoor Workers Live Long.

Sedentary workers cannot be compared with gardeners, farm laborers and shepherds, where length of life is concerned. The latter classes of workers and other similar outdoor folks, including soldiers and sailors, invariably live long in the ordinary way of things and are frequently as hale at sixty-five as the clerk of forty years of age. These outdoor workers share with medical men and clergymen the distinction of using nearly all their promised threescore years and ten—in most cases, anyway.

Beggar With a Roll.

Flashing a roll of bills, a beggar in Coyoacan, Mex., brought down jeers upon the head of a man who had refused to give him alms. The beggar seemed in the last stages of destitution, and was asking for alms. One man whom he approached not only refused to give him money, but ridiculed him. Whereupon the beggar electrified the crowd by bringing out a roll of bills, and flashing them before the uncharitable one's face.

Smallest Suit on Record.

Probably the smallest suit on record was one tried in Scotland for a halfpenny, and brought against a tramway company. The plaintiff was carried in one of the defendants' cars beyond his destination and compelled to pay the halfpenny as extra fare. He sued the company in the county court, and, recovering the judgment, compelled them to refund the coin with costs.

Not Native Trees.

Neither the laburnum nor the common lilac is indigenous to this country, the former having been introduced from the Alpine region of Europe and the latter from Persia, where "lilas or "lilag" is the name given to its flowers. The horse chestnut was originally a native of Asia, probably of northern India, whence it was introduced.

School for Judges.

A remarkable educational establishment is the school for judges in Paris. Here mock trials are held by pupils under the supervision of well-known attorneys. The whole procedure, from the issuing of a warrant for arrest to the summing up and the jury's verdict, is carried through in a businesslike manner.

A Settler.

"Darling, answer me," he pleaded. "I am on the rack." "So is your hat," came a deep voice from the hall. Whereupon the young man took the hint, his headpiece and his departure.

How Cruel.

Miss Smith—"I always think of all the mean things I have said during the day before I fall asleep at night." Miss Jones—"My! That doesn't leave you much time for sleeping."

Taking No Chances.

Prospective Lodger—"What's the rent of this room, including the use of the piano?" Landlady—"I can't say offhand. You must play me something first."

NAME GUNS BETSY AND ELSIE

Yankee Artillery at the Front Follow Gallant Custom of French Cannoneers.

Following a gallant custom of the French artillery, the boys of Battery B in one of our own F. A. regiments decided to name their guns after those whom they considered the outstanding figures among the patriotic women of American history.

Many were named but two were chosen. The first, according to Stars and Stripes, France, was Betsy Ross who in her little house in Philadelphia, made for General Washington the first American flag. The second was Elsie Janis, who in the little huts of France, made the first hit of the A. E. F.

"These guns are of the railway artillery," the captain says, "and among the most powerful in France, and the names selected are now painted on the carriages, where they will be a constant inspiration in the future, and, we hope, a credit to their namesakes."

One of these two namesakes, who probably never thought of herself as a figure in American history at all, is just back from a tour of the front where she had a good many thrills, including the thrill of finding her name in divisional general orders.

There she delighted one of the bands by turning drum major throughout a long march, cheered up some young German prisoners by talking to them in their own tongue, and came away much pleased by the news that Elsie Janis II had just raised merry h—— with a German machine gun emplacement.

WEARIED OF CONSTANT BRAY

Spaniards Make Offer to Exchange Mules for Something That Has More Musical Sound.

A little while ago it was reputed that the army mule in France, invaluable for transport, was making himself obnoxious by his propensity to bray when in close proximity to the enemy. And now, according to advices received by the National Piano Manufacturers' association, the Spaniards are anxious to dispose of their mules to us and to obtain in return pianos and other musical instruments.

Evidently what Wordsworth calls "the hard, dry see-saw of his horrible bray" is no better relished by the esthetic consciousness of the Iberians than by the valorous gentlemen of France. It is doubtful whether even an implacable futurist in music like Leo Ornstein or Arnold Schoenberg derives genuine satisfaction from the student cantatas and blatant oratorios of the mule. Some cynics have detected a resemblance between the voice of the bagpipe and the mule's spontaneous lyricism, but this is a libel.

With patience one can detect a definite melody in the Scotch pibrochs and strathspreys, whereas mule music like the world in the making, is without form and void. As long as Spain is not at war she can afford to dance the fandango and play the mandolin. When by the logic of events she is swept out of her neutrality into belligerency and has to haul cannon and wagons, she will wish she had the mule.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mascagni and the War.

Pietro Mascagni, the celebrated composer, once told how the opening chorus of "Cavalleria" was composed on the night of February 3, 1889, when his first child was born. That son, Mimi, is now, or was recently, driving a motor-truck for the Italian army; and a second boy, Dino, became a private in the engineer corps, blowing up Austrian barbed-wire barricades. On a visit to the young soldiers Mascagni saw his first battle.

"This is indeed music," he wrote. "It seems as if all the big drums in my orchestra had been multiplied by a million and suddenly gone mad."

The composer gave open-air concerts in the trenches, on one occasion attended by the king of Italy, and he set himself at work on a great patriotic symphony, designed to be a musical apotheosis of Italy's "war of redemption."

Mine Wrecks Garden.

While sitting on the back porch of her home, Mrs. William Doimetsch of the 700 block, on North Bromley avenue, Scranton, Pa., saw the rear portion of the yard sink into a mine working, exposing numerous mine props, while a short distance away a similar settling exposed men at work in the mines. In each case the gardens have dropped about 15 feet. The home of Matthew Scott has escaped damage, but the earth on all sides has sunk, making the residence appear as though on an island.

Few streets in the city are suffering worse damage from mine caves than Bromley avenue. Gardens, posts, trees and sidewalks have fallen in.

She Knew Him Best.

It was an after-supper party on the porch.

For days on just such occasions, Oldman Cabon had been making sour remarks regarding the money the administration is spending to remain sane and conduct a war at the same time. Sometimes Oldman C. brought out a little hammer and rapped on the porch swing.

"I wish I wuz in Washington where I could take a rap attum," he said, "I'd show them some things."

"You," piped his wife, "Oh, yes, you, who cannot even make our poodle dog behave."

NOTICE

We are hereby publishing a letter received from the United States Food Administrator, which authorizes us to keep open our shops every working day in the week, the same as all other shops in this vicinity.

United States Food Administration
Howard Heinz
Federal Food Administrator for Pennsylvania
Finance Building
Philadelphia, July 23, 1918

Mr. Joe Prise,
People's Cash Meat Market,
Charleroi, Pa.

My dear Sir:

I am in reply of your letter of the 20th and, in reply, will state that, as you know, a ruling was issued from this office to all Counties that hotels, eating houses and clubs must serve beef only on certain days and at certain meals, and the private consumer was asked to use but 1 1-4 pounds of clear beef per person in the household.

Administrators in different localities chose different methods of bringing about the conservation that was desired and, without having the exact facts of the case at hand, presume the local Administrator at Charleroi felt that this was the most positive way of bringing about results desired. In view of the fact that hotels and eating houses are now allowed to serve beef in some form every day in the week, it is necessary that shops should be opened at all times. The fact, that shops as you state, one mile away have not been closed is due to the fact that the district is under the jurisdiction of another Administrator.

We have wired Mr. Lockhart to allow shops to remain open, withdrawing this closing order in your district at once.

Yours very truly,
Federal Food Administration
for Pennsylvania
Harry C. Hall
General Executive Secretary

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